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That it is a praise-worthy Action to retract an Error.

THE solemn Season, just now over, will excuse something that is suitable and serious; and I the rather chuse to adventure on it, because I imagine most of those that will now read, have not yet fallen into their old Train; but, retaining some Embers of Virtue, may be more capable of entertaining, or of being caught by an useful Subject. I have made it my Observation, That there is nothing Human Nature is more averse to, than to own itself in an Error. This is a Calamity common to the Great as well as the Little. It must be acknowledg'd, that, generally speaking, Error is a Weakness of the Judgment: But will it therefore be less a Weakness to maintain it, only on the Account of being at first so weak as to have imbib'd it? Many may have been the Incidents that have contributed towards the first Conception. Prejudice, Prepossession, or a Deficience of calm Consideration; either of them, the two first I mean, apt enough to hood-wink our Reason, and banish the latter to perfect the Folly of the former. For where the Mind is byass'd, there will be a thorough Aversion to Conviction. But, sure, this can be no Part of the Character of an ingenuous Mind. To arrive at Truth, all Passions must be suspended, but that truly noble one of being ambitious to obtain it. Truth is not, like Mushrooms in a salt Marsh, to be gather'd by stooping for. She will exact our Pains in the Search, though she gloriously rewards in the Discovery. Numbers may be positive they have her on their Side, and with a Philosopher's Eulogy cry out "Ευρηκα; while a single Person, with a Grain or two of Consideration, shall at long Run prove them all mistaken, and their boasted Attainments, like the Apples of *Sodom*, fair Covers of foul Dust and Error. Have we not known many Resolutions of Committees corrected by the Senate; nay even Acts of a Senate pass'd this Year into a Law, and repeal'd the next? A fair Warning, sure, to private Persons, not to be over-weening of their own Opinions, where such great Assemblies, after solemn Debates, have prudently thought fit to recede from their former Sentiments, tho' stamp'd with the Touch of a Sceptre. Far be it from me to imagine, that either Prejudice or Prepossession shed here their malevolent Influence: But sure I am, I may aver with such august Assemblies, that they had not rightly weigh'd and consider'd what, on mature Consideration, they thought best to annul and repeal. Great Bodies, then, we see, as well as single Persons, liable to Error: And, at the same Time, we are gloriously furnish'd with Examples worthy the Imitation of the wisest. I am sensible, that should I assent, that Error is a Disgrace to Human Nature, I should find some Sort of People a Handle for persisting in their Errors; since they may alledge they persist in Error to avoid Disgrace. Yet give me Leave to amend the Bill, and I will boldly assert, that Error persisted in, after proper Means of Conviction, is doubly disgraceful, and the highest Affront that can be offer'd to Reason. Nay, I will go yet farther, and say that Error persisted in, without seeking and embracing the Means of Conviction, will render the Party, in the Estimation of the rational Part of Mankind, somewhat below the very Brute itself. For doubtless it may be safely offer'd, in favour of that destitute Piece of Nature, that had Reason been allow'd him, he would have taken Care to have put it to a better Use than his grand Master may often put it to. But these may be construed Exaggerations upon false or impossible Supposals: I recur, therefore, to my first Postulatum, *That it is a most commendable and praise-worthy Action in any Man to acknowledge an Error, whether of a civil or religious Nature.* The latter is a Maxim, that will be subscrib'd to by the Generality of Mankind. But perhaps it may be offer'd, by way of Alleviation, that Errors of that Sort have a Tendency of a more dangerous Nature than Shame, which is the only Consequence of confessing, or retracting any Error of a civil Nature. But, with Submission to better Judgments, I think them so interwove, that their Consequences will be found to be inseparable. *E. G.* Suppose we, then, a Member of any Committee whatsoever (and as greatest Examples carry greatest Weight, the higher the better) who, precipitated in his Judgment by the Clamours of the Sons of Interest, or the Misrepresentations of the Artful, suffers his Reason to warp, and, without thoroughly examining or canvassing into Matters, is drawn in to give his Vote for what, on mature Consideration and cool Reasoning, deviated from the strict Rules of Humanity and Justice: Shall a Fear of Shame deter him from an Acknowledgment of his first Error? Shall he double, or ratner treble it, by a Perseverance? Will not his persisting in his Error transgress both religious as well as civil Principles? Or shall he not rather commute, as far as the Affair will admit of it, by a correcter Way of Thinking, and by doing Justice to his own Good Sense and Reason, in renouncing his first over-hasty Censure? Honour, Good Sense, and Religion will certainly exact the latter; and Shame, which he vainly imagin'd the Portion of his Contrition, will dissolve into Glory, by procuring him the Veneration and Esteem of all the Votaries of Virtue. Coblers who work upon one Last, and Fidlers who can play to no other Note than what is laid before them, may be allow'd to indulge those Dictates which the Narrowness of their Education inspires them with: But Men of Spirit, and real Good Sense, to be allow'd such, will never be found to immolate their Reason to Error, or to give any Sanction to that Error, by an Obstinacy that would make it double, and render even Weakness itself criminal. And nothing, sure, can more evince the Weakness of any Man's Judgment, than a Perseverance in Error. Ignorance and Idiotism may be allow'd to be fond of the Notion they first imbibe: But, as that will be confess'd to proceed from a Deficience in right Reason, the Man of real Honour, and true Good Sense, will always be ready to weigh and consider; and, where he finds himself misled by Clamour and Misrepresentation, retract the Error, and do all in his Power to amend the ill Effects of an over hasty Censure. The *Jedburgh* Judge, when he saw before his Eyes eleven executed, and but ten condemn'd, was not asham'd to acknowledge the Error; although he ordered the Unconvicted to be taken off the Gallows, and undergo a fair Trial. A notable Instance of an ingenuous Mind, ready, as far as lay in his Power, to relieve even the Errors of a Hangman.

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER.

SIR,

HAVING many Obligations to a young Gentleman of a very plentiful Fortune, who was lately married to a fine young Lady; and both of them having too much Modesty and Merit to be pleased with a publick Congratulation; I hope, since your Paper is one of their weekly Amusements, you will indulge me so far as to insert the enclos'd Epithalamium; whereby I shall have a favourable Opportunity to express my grateful Acknowledgments, and, at the same Time, by concealing the Characters, give no Offence to my best Friends, and most generous Benefactors.

I am, Sir, Yours, &c. A. Z.

The Consummation. A congratulatory Ode on the happy Marriage of Damon *and* Cælia.

I.

HAIL, happy Youth! the rosy Morn
Now smiling gilds the East;
Now ushers in th' auspicious Day,
That makes you truly blest:
Now *Cælia*'s Hand and Heart are thine,
And my Friend's Joy increases mine.

II.

Behold! the *Cyprian* Goddess leaves
The bright Abodes above;
The Graces wait upon their Queen
To hail your mutual Love.
A thousand *Cupids* round her fly,
And all their Wings are fraught with Joy.

III.

But when the beauteous Queen survey'd
Her Rival's brighter Eyes,
Her Air, her Shape, her ev'ry Charm,
With conscious Shame she cries,
And upwards flew: Nor could she bear
To see herself out-shone; a Nymph so fair.

IV.

No more let anxious Thoughts arise,
Or gloomy Scenes of Woe;
Let low'ring Discord strait retire
To the dark Shades below!
Let Joys on Joys in Circles play,
And racy Bumpers crown the Day!

V.

But oh! the Bridegroom counts the Hours,
And longs t' embrace his Fair;
Till he enjoys Love's balmy Sweets,
Each Moment seems a Year.
O *Phœbus!* hide thy hated Light,
And bid the loving Pair *Good Night*.

VI.

Phœbus, methinks, indulgent proves,
And to his *Thetis* flies;
The bridal Train are all retir'd,
And Night involves the Skies.
Now *Damon* haste to *Cælia*'s Arms,
And take Possession of her Charms.

VII.

Thus happy! Time flies on too fast,
He fain would stop the Sun;
As *Jove* of old prolong'd the Hours,
And join'd three Nights in one,
When he confess'd *Alcmena*'s Charms,
And revell'd in her snowy Arms.

VIII.

He wishes for a longer Night;
But oh! the Wish is vain,
Phœbus with his unwelcome Rays
Recalls the jovial Train,
Who soon the drowzy Bridegroom rear,
And re-salute the blushing Fair.

IX.

Oh! may kind Heav'n propitious prove,
And bless the matchless Pair;
Oh! may luxuriant circling Joys
Crown each succeeding Year!
May *Damon* ever *Cælia* prize,
And own the Triumph of her Eyes!

The Comparison.

I.

WHEN *Maria* strikes the Strings,
Every Soul that hears her wings.
What, ah what! withstands her Art?
Every Touch affects the Heart.

II.

Does not *Chloe* that, or more?
Hear her, you'll confess her Pow'r.
Sprightly Sounds engage the Ear,
Less than Man, untouch'd, that hear.

III.

Fair *Maria* sings with Ease;
Less than Man she'll more than please.

[Price THREE HALF-PENCE.]

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Brutes, they ſay, were charm'd of old:
Sure of her the Tale was told.

IV.

Walking Stones, and ſtalking Trees,
Might ſuch reverend Dotards pleaſe.
Chloe to her Virtue juſt
Love inſpires and ſtifles Luſt.

V.

Youth and Beauty both combine,
And *Maria*'s Songs divine
All the charming Accents bear
Find they feel as well as hear.

VI.

Let them hear, and Hearing feel;
I my *Chloe* know ſo well,
Know her Pow'r beyond Reply,
Yet wiſh none to feel but I.

Quicquid agunt Homines, Votum, Timor, Ira, Voluptas:—
Gaudia, Diſcurſus, Vatum mala Carmina, Laureats,
Hyppos-doctores, Toriis quoque ſcribimus Whiggis.——

Mr. Noodle,

I HAVE been thinking for theſe ſeveral Hours what our Societies may be liken'd to, and muſt at laſt conclude, that we are Profeſſors of almoſt every Buſineſs and Nomination; that we may juſtly be ſtil'd Flies, Bees, or Waſps; that we are Cart-Horſes, Coach-Horſes, Pads, and Mules, and fiery Steeds. Now firſt I think that we are Flies and Waſps, being continually buzzing and flying about in other Peoples Houſes, where we have no good Reaſons to urge for our being; and as Flies are troubleſome Creatures where-ever they alight, ſo are we Authors, as you call us, or News-Writers, or Scribblers, very offenſive to bad Odes, unſufferable Dramas, or Drolls; all which Things hate us extreamly when we criticiſe upon them, as they call it, ſaying we are a Company of ſtupid, ſilly Flies. But, if I may venture to ſpeak, Mr. *Conundrum* ſays that we may juſtly call ourſelves *Free-Maſons*, as well as thoſe dark-minded Perſons that profeſs themſelves of that Society; he moreover adds, that we are *Free-Maſons*, *Maſons*, *Bond-Maſons*, and *Men-Maſons*, and in ſhort, as I have ſaid at firſt, *Maſons*, or *Profeſſors* of every Thing; only the Differences of our *Maſonian* Societies are, that whereas they are ſaid to undergo an unhappy Operation, our own Company undergo no ſuch Thing, ſave that our Wings are often clipp'd. But however, I wonder People can be ſo unthinking as to call us by the Name of Authors, when a Carpenter, a Pewterer, nay even Candle-Snuffers, are Authors of ſome one Thing or other; as for Inſtance, If a Man who is a Carpenter ſhould ſet up a new Seat in *Henly*'s *Oratorian Room*, I refer the Caſe to every one rightly to conſider, if that Man be not the Author of that Bench. And again, they are wrong in calling us News-Writers at every Turn; for if we were to relate in our Journals that *C*—— *C*——*r*'s laſt Ode was univerſally diſlik'd, or that Dr. *B* ——*y*'s *Milton* was a frivolous, inſignificant Thing, and they call'd us by the Name of News Writers at that Time, it would be a ſcandalous Aſperſion. Every Thing, Mr. *Noodle*, ſhould be adapted to the Thing that it rightly belongs; a Man may with Juſtice ſay we are Scribblers; and why may he? Why, becauſe we write: Thus the Town call'd *Harrow on the Hill*, is ſo nominated, as antient Writers witneſs, becauſe, ſometime before the Village was built, an old Farmer who liv'd near the Summit of the Hill, us'd to hang his Harrow on an old Tree, on the very Top of the Hill, and thence by a Frolick, the Place was call'd *Harrow on the Hill*. The Town now known by the Name *Paddington*, derives its Name from ſome ſuch Inſtance: An old Parſon that liv'd there, nam'd *Pad*, a noted Conjurer, was purſued one Night by the Inhabitants of the Place in the Shape of a black Cat; but being exceeding ſwift of Foot, he eſcap'd them, and was not ſeen for ſome Time; but in the enſuing Winter, an old Woman eſpied him in the Middle of the Town, and alarm'd all her Neighbours, who came running in great Numbers, crying, *Here's Pad in Town*, *Here's Pad in Town*; thus after this Adventure the Town was corruptly call'd *Paddington*. Innumerous are the other remarkable Things and Places that are thus juſtly nominated, as the *Grubs* have rightly remark'd, in a late Journal. Why you call your Journal the *Regiſter* is not ſufficiently known to me; ſome Perſons of late call'd it the *Poetical Paper*, for which Reaſon I find you have leſſen'd the Poetry in it; others again call it the *Buſy Body*; ſeveral jolly Perſons, therefore, who are continually regaling themſelves with Punch, caſt it with Scorn aſide, fearing, as I ſuppoſe, to have a juſt Memorial of their jolly Deeds; or at leaſt envying what they cannot arrive to.——But I ſhall quite run off my Subject: Every Thing, I tell you, Mr. *Noodle*, ſhould have a proper Appellation; a Lady for that Reaſon call'd a Bed of Parſley, *Cat's Conduit*, having ſeen her favourite Cat make Water there. My Brother *Osborne* in ſome of his dark Lucubrations follows the ſame Method, by ſubſcribing a proper Name thereto; in others he is thought to ſpeak ironically, eſpecially in thoſe dull tedious Treatiſes, to which he unwarily ſubſcrib'd *Cato* and *Socrates*;——I muſt beg Leave to ſend you the next at another Time, and to ſubſcribe myſelf, Good Mr. *Noodle*, *Your humble Servant*, *Mr.* Doodle.

SATURDAY, *March* 25.

ON Tueſday laſt a Perſon that attended the Funeral of Sir *Robert Furneſe*, Bart. had the Misfortune to fall from his Horſe as he was riding down *Boſton-Hill*, between *Sittingburn* and *Canterbury*, and bruiſed himſelf in ſo violent a Manner, that he died in a few Hours after.

And the next Day, as ſeveral Mourning Coaches were returning from the Funeral, 50 lb. of Tea was ſeized in one of them by a Cuſtom-houſe Officer, at the *Bull Inn* at *Dartford*, where they dined; which was brought up to the Cuſtom-houſe.

Laſt Thurſday a Fiſherman's Boat was overſet betwixt *Chelſea* and *Batterſea*, and the Maſter being entangled in his Net, was drown'd, before any Body could come to his Aſſiſtance; but his Boy was ſav'd by a Boat coming from *Hammerſmith*.

Yeſterday a young Woman well dreſt was found drowned in the *New-River-Head*; ſhe is round viſag'd, with black Eyebrows, in a fine Linnen Gown flower'd with red, a blue Silk quilted Petticoat, white Tabby Stays, Silk Shoes, and Leather Clogs.

The Maſters of the Colliers, and Traders to the *North of England*, joining with thoſe who have the Selling of the Soil and Dung of the City of *London*, have petition'd the Parliament to obtain a Bill or Clauſe, for Leave to ſhip the ſaid Soil and Dung (and carry it away for manuring their Lands) inſtead of Ballaſt, taken from the Shoals and other dangerous Places of the River *Thames*; which, if obtain'd, muſt be of the greateſt Detriment to the Navigation thereof, and conſequently to the Trade of the City; for in a little Time the Shoals of the River will grow up and increaſe, ſo as to prevent any Ships of Burden coming up to it, and alſo inhance the Price of the ſaid Soil and Dung, to the great Prejudice of the Land-Owners of the four neighbouring Counties, and in particular to the Gardeners and others their Tenants.

Deaths. Yeſterday died the Wife of *Philip Stotherd*, Eſq; at his Seat in *Eſſex*.——On Wedneſday Night died Miſs *Gay*, eldeſt Daughter of *Robert Gay*, Eſq; Member of Parliament for *Bath*.——Laſt Tueſday Night died raving mad, Mr. *Bye*, the Brandy-Man, that was tried with another Perſon for robbing General *Honeywood*, but was acquitted.

MONDAY, *March* 26.

Yeſterday being Collar-Day, the ſame was obſerved at Court, and the King, the Prince of *Wales*, and the Duke, together with the Knights of the Garter, Thiſtle, and Bath, wore the Collars of their reſpective Orders. Their Majeſties, the Prince of *Wales*, and the three eldeſt Princeſſes, went to the Royal Chapel, preceded by the Heralds and Purſuivants at Arms, attended by a great Concourſe of Nobility and Gentry, and heard a Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. *Gilbert*, Dean of *Exeter*, and Sub-Almoner, the Sword of State being carried before his Majeſty to and from the Chapel by the Right Hon. the Lord *Delawar*, Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Houſhold. After which their Majeſties, the Prince, and the three eldeſt Princeſſes, received the Holy Communion from the Hands of the Right Rev. Dr. *Gibſon*, Lord Biſhop of *London*, and Dean of the ſaid Chapel, aſſiſted by the Right Rev. Dr. *Edward Chandler*, Lord Biſhop of *Durham*. Their Majeſties, according to Cuſtom, made their Offerings at the Altar of Purſes of Gold, Myrrh, and Frankincenſe.

Colley Cibber, Eſq; one of the Patentees of his Majeſty's Company of Comedians, has ſold his intire Share of the Cloaths, Scenes, and Patent, to *John Highmore*, Eſq; And at the End of this Seaſon he quits the Stage altogether.

On Thurſday Night laſt at the Performance of the Pantomime Entertainment, call'd *Love runs all Dangers*, at the *New-Theatre* in the *Hay-Market*, one of the Comedians took the Liberty to throw out ſome Reflections upon the Prime Miniſter and the Exciſe, which were not deſign'd by the Author; Lord *Walpole* being in the Houſe, went behind the Scenes and demanded of the Prompter whether ſuch Words were in the Play, and he anſwering they were not, his Lordſhip immediately corrected the Comedian with his own Hands very ſeverely.

Bury St. Edmund's, *March* 21. On Thurſday laſt the Aſſizes ended here for the County of *Suffolk*, when two Men received Sentence of Death, *viz. Samuel Partridge*, for a Robbery on the Highway; and *Samuel Kingsbury*, for breaking open and robbing a Shop at *Ipſwich*, and ſtealing thence two Silver Watches: The former is ordered to be executed at *Ipſwich*, but the Execution of the latter is reſpited. Two Smugglers were ſentenced to be tranſported.

Preferments. Sir *Charles Bunbury*, is choſen Member of Parliament for the City of *Cheſter*, in the room of Sir *Thomas Groſvenor*, deceas'd.——Laſt Saturday the Lord Chancellor preſented the Rev. Mr. *Le Plarge* to the Vicarage of *Rockingham* in the County of *Salop*, vacant by the Death of the laſt Incumbent.

Deaths. Laſt Friday Night died, at his Chambers in *Gray's-Inn*, Capt. *Fhyer*, the noted and wealthy Refiner of *Foſter-Lane*.——The ſame Day died the Rev. Dr. *Steadman*, Domeſtick Chaplain to the Lord Biſhop of *London*, Rector of *Bramſhot* in *Hampſhire*, and Prebendary of St. *Paul's*.——Laſt Saturday died, at his Houſe in *Witch-ſtreet*, Capt. *Felltoukefield*.——On Friday died at *Bromley*, Mr. *Dyer*, formerly an eminent Dry Salter of this City.——Laſt Week died at *Dublin* the Right Hon. the Lord *Blaney*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*.——A few Days ſince died at *Lincoln*, *Edward Beckham*, Eſq; formerly a Director of the *Eaſt-India* Company: He has left 900 l. *per Annum* to the Hoſpital of *Bethlehem*.

TUESDAY, *March* 27.

The Parliament of *Ireland*, which ſtood prorogued to Tueſday the 3d of *April*, is further prorogued to Tueſday the 7th of *Auguſt* next.

On Wedneſday laſt a Waſherwoman in *Bell-Alley* in *Coleman-ſtreet*, going out about her Buſineſs, left a Child of about four Years old in her Room, whom on her Return ſhe found all in Flames, its Cloaths being almoſt all conſumed. The Child died on Friday Night.

We hear that his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Cumberland*, at the Removal of the Court from St. *James's*, will make a Progreſs through ſeveral Parts of the Kingdom, during the Summer Seaſon.

We have Advice from *York*, that on Saturday Sennight laſt a ſmall Wherry ſailing down the River *Ouſe* with eight or ten Paſſengers to *Hull*, was overſet by a ſudden Squall of Wind; by which Accident the Paſſengers, the Maſter of the Wherry and his Boy, were all drowned.

On Sunday Night a Foot-Soldier that keeps an Alehouſe near *Drury-Lane*, unfortunately quarrelling with ſome Perſons at his Door, a Mob gather'd about him, and not diſperſing again when he deſired them, he fetch'd his Piece, and in his Paſſion diſcharg'd it amongſt them, whereby one Man was miſerably ſhot into the Eye, and his Life is deſpair'd of.

Liverpool, *March* 20. Upon reading the Letter in the *Daily-Courant* of the 14th Inſtant, aſperſing the Merchants of this Kingdom in general, in a very indecent and unjuſt Manner, we cauſed it to be publickly burnt this Evening, a great Number of Merchants and Traders being preſent, by the Hands of *Michael Rowell*, who hang'd ſome of the Rebels in the Year 1715, and after it we drank the Healths of the King, Queen, and Royal Family, and all worthy Oppoſers to any General Exciſe.

Dublin, *March* 20. Laſt Friday Evening a Child about three Years of Age, at the *Horſe-Shoe* near St. *Katherine's* Church, went into a Neighbour's Room in the Mother's Abſence, and having got a Book, carried it into its own Room, and playing with it at the Fire, as it is ſuppoſ'd, ſet the Book on Fire, which got hold of its Cloaths; for the Mother at her Return found the Child burnt to Death.

Marriage. Yeſterday *Thomas Hanmer*, Eſq; a near Relation of Sir *Thomas Hanmer*, Bart. was married to the eldeſt Daughter of the Lord Viſcount *Perceval*.

Deaths. On Sunday laſt died, at his Houſe at *Rotherhith*, Capt. *Joſeph Wilſon*, formerly a Commander in the *Eaſt-India* Company's Service.——The ſame Night died, at his Houſe in *Well-Cloſe-Square*, *John Roberts*, Eſq; formerly Governor of St. *Helena*.——Yeſterday died, in *Queen-Square*, *Weſtminſter*, Miſs *Dive*, ſecond Daughter of *John Dive*, Eſq;

WEDNESDAY, *March* 28.

Laſt Week the Water in the *Serpentine-River*, *Hyde-Park*, was ſo prodigiouſly increaſed by the Riſing of the Springs and the Falling of the Rains, that the ſame gave Way at one Corner; a vaſt Number of Hands were immediately ſet to lay Faſcines, and dig Trenches, otherwiſe the hither Part of *Knightsbridge* muſt inevitably have been laid under Water.

On Monday Night about Nine o'Clock the *Daily-Courant* was publickly burnt by the Hands of Mr. *John Hooper*, the common Hangman, at *Temple-Bar*, for containing falſe and ſcandalous Reflections on the Merchants and Traders of this City, for their Oppoſition to the Exciſe.

The following Letter, ſigned by a great Number of Gentlemen, Freeholders, Traders and Inhabitants within the County of *Denbigh*, was ſent to *Watkin Williams Wynne*, Eſq; Repreſentative in Parliament for the ſaid County.

Honour'd Sir,

As we have Reaſon to apprehend (from the general Fears of the Nation) that ſome Attempts will be made this Seſſion of Parliament for encreaſing or extending the Laws of Exciſe, and that ſuch Encreaſe or Extenſion of the Exciſe Laws (ſhould the ſame take Effect) will be very prejudicial and injurious, not only to private Perſons but the publick Trade and Intereſt of the whole Kingdom; and that the moſt valuable Part of our Conſtitution (by which we are diſtinguiſh'd from all other Nations in the World) will thereby be endanger'd and render'd precarious; we preſume to make this our humble, but moſt preſſing Requeſt to you, worthy Sir, our Repreſentative in Parliament, that you will take effectual Care, by all lawful Means poſſible, to oppoſe and hinder all and every ſuch Attempts, of what Nature and Kind, or in what Manner or Shape ſoever the ſame ſhall appear, and you will ever oblige,

Wreſham, Feb. 16, 1733. *SIR, Your moſt aſſur'd and faithful Friends.*

The Aldermen, Bailiffs, Capital Burgeſſes, and other Burgeſſes of the Town of *Denbigh* and Liberties thereof, have wrote (in very preſſing Terms) to *Robert Myddleton*, Eſq; their Repreſentative in Parliament, to oppoſe any further Extenſion of the Laws of Exciſe.

William Gordon, the famous Highwayman now in *Newgate*, will be proſecuted for aſſaulting Mr. *John Bellinger* of *Woodſtock* in *Oxfordſhire* upon the Highway on the 24th of *December* laſt, and robbing him of his Horſe, Great Coat and ſome Money: There are about twelve other Proſecutions againſt him for Robberies on the Highway; but he would fain be an Evidence againſt ſeveral that he has drawn in to be Highwaymen, who in all Probability had liv'd honeſtly; and thus he thinks to rob *Tyburn* of its Due.

Laſt Sunday Night about Eight o'Clock four Men going to *Hammerſmith* in a Boat from *London*, one of them bid the Waterman pull aſhoar at *Putney*; but the Waterman refuſing, one of them got up to ſtrike him, but miſſing his Blow, fell over-board and was drowned. He is ſaid to be a Hatter at *May's-Pond* in *Southwark*, and has left behind him a Wife and two ſmall Children.

Commitments. On Monday in the Evening a Girl of about twelve Years of Age got into a Baker's Shop in *Southwark*; and when all the Family were in Bed, took an Opportunity to break open the Till, out of which ſhe took 3l. 12s. 8d all in Half pence, and went off undiſcover'd; but being afterwards found aſleep by the Watchmen in *Cannon-ſtreet* with the Money about her, ſhe confeſs'd the Robbery; and being had before a Juſtice, was committed to Priſon.——A Man to *Newgate*, for Houſebreaking.——Another Man to the ſame Jail, for the Highway.

Death. Yeſterday Morning died, at *Wandſworth* in *Surrey*, Mrs. *Williams*, Relict of the late *Robert Williams*, Eſq;

Bankrupts. Mary Haskins, of the City of *Briſtol*, Widow and Upholſter.——*John Barnard*, of *Sudbury*, in the County of *Suffolk*, Mercer.

THURSDAY, *March* 29.

Mr. *Hamilton* and Mr. *Dixon*, two eminent Merchants, are come from *Liverpool*, being deputed by that Corporation, to oppoſe the Alteration of the Duties on Wine and Tobacco, from Cuſtoms to Exciſes, or any farther Extenſion of Exciſe Laws in any Shape whatſoever.

We hear that Deputies from many other Trading Corporations, are coming to *London* for the ſame Purpoſe.

We hear that a Petition is drawn up, and ſign'd by ſeveral eminent *Virginia* and Tobacco Merchants, to be preſented to Parliament at the approaching Meeting, in order to be heard by themſelves or Counſel againſt the new-intended Exciſe-Bill on Tobacco.

We hear from *Durham*, that the Application to Parliament for a Bill to make the River *Wear* navigable, and alſo for the *Sunderland* Bill, as it is call'd, will be ſuſpended till another Year; and that the Whitening of Linnen Cloth is brought to ſo great a Perfection in thoſe Parts, that they think themſelves ſcarce excell'd even at *Haerlem*.

On Monday next the Seſſions begins at *Guildhall*, Tueſday at *Hicks's-Hall*, and Wedneſday at the *Old-Bailey*.

A true Copy of an Anſwer from a Member of P——t, to a Letter from his Burrough, concerning the Extenſion of the Exciſe.

Gentlemen,

Yours I received, and am very much ſurprized at your Inſolence in troubling me about the Exciſe. You know what I know very well; that I bought you. I know what perhaps you think I don't know, that you are about ſelling yourſelves to ſomebody elſe; and I know what perhaps you don't know; that I am about buying another Borough.——And now may the Curſe of God light upon you all; and may your Houſes be as common to Exciſe-Men, as your Wives and Daughters were to me, when I ſtood Candidate for your Corporation.

Robbery. On Tueſday Se'nnight one *John Told*, a *Scotſman*, was robb'd near *Baſſeldon* in *Berkſhire* of 123l. and ten Pounds worth of Lace, by two Highwaymen, who having got their Booty rode off.

Marriage. On Tueſday laſt Mr. *Waring*, only Son of Brigadier *Waring*, was married to Miſs *Humphreys*, Granddaughter of Sir *William Humphreys*, Bart. a young Lady of 20,000l. Fortune.

Deaths. On Sunday laſt died at *Kenſington* the Lady *Werden*, third Wife of Sir *John Werden*, Bart.——On Tueſday Morning died, at his Seat at *Edgcotte* near *Banbury* in *Oxfordſhire*, *Toby Chauncy*, Eſq; Member of Parliament for *Banbury*.——A few Days ſince died at *Edinburgh*, *Marriot* Lady *Catheart*, Daughter of Sir *John Schaw*, Bart.——On Thurſday laſt died the Rev. Mr. *Reſt*, Curate of St. *Lawrence*, and Preacher of the Thurſday Morning Lecture at that Church.——Yeſterday died Mrs. *Holland*, Wife of *Rogers Holland*, Eſq; Member of Parliament for *Chippenham* in the County of *Wilts*.

FRIDAY, *March* 30.

Yeſterday between Twelve and One o'Clock a Fire broke out in *Harrow-Alley* the back Part of the New Play-Houſe in *Goodman's-Fields*, which burnt down four of the new Houſes, and damaged ſeveral others; but by the timely Aſſiſtance of Firemen and Engines, the ſame was extinguiſh'd without doing further Damage.

The ſame Day ſeveral Perſons of Quality were at *Newgate* to ſee the two *Alexanders* and *Mary Tracey*, now Priſoners there on the pretended Information of *Sarah Malcolm*, and who continue ſtill to inſiſt on their Innocence: However, a Bill will be preferr'd to the Grand Jury next Seſſions, in order to put them upon the Proof where they were the ſame Night that the Murders were committed.

Yeſterday in the Afternoon a Fire broke out at St. *Catherine's*, which conſum'd three old Houſes; but by timely Aſſiſtance it was extinguiſh'd without doing further Damage.

On Sunday laſt a Fire broke out at *Houghton-Hall*, the Seat of Sir *Robert Walpole* in *Norfolk*, which burnt one Room, together with the Furniture that was therein, but by timely Aſſiſtance it was extinguiſh'd: It was occaſion'd by the Careleſneſs of a Servant.

Yeſterday Admiral *Stewart* took Leave of their Majeſties at St. *James's*, and on Sunday next intends to ſet out for *Portſmouth*, in order to ſail with the Squadron under his Command for the *Mediterranean*.

Robberies. Laſt Wedneſday Night, about Ten o'Clock, Mr. *Oram* of *Cannon ſtreet*, was ſet upon by two Footpads on *Tower-Hill*, who robb'd him of about 4s. and ſome Half-pence, and beat him in a moſt cruel Manner for not having more Money.——On Wedneſday Morning about Eight o'Clock, *John Jenkins*, of *Richmond*, Eſq; with his Lady and Daughter, coming to Town in his Coach and four from thence for *London*, was attack'd in a Lane between *Eaſt-Sheen* and *Putney-Common*, by two Highwaymen, who robb'd them of two Gold Watches, a Snuff-Box, and about 3l. in Money.

Preferments. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Capt. *Stevenſon*, Brigadier of the fourth Troop of Horſe-Guards, an Exempt in the ſaid Troop, in the room of Capt. *Floyer*, deceas'd; and Capt. *James Miller* ſucceeds Capt. *Stevenſon* as Brigadier.

Marriages. Yeſterday *John Drake*, Eſq; was married to Miſs *Long*, Siſter to Cornet *Long*, of the firſt Troop of Horſe-Guards, a young Lady of a great Fortune.——Laſt Wedneſday Sir *John Ellis* was married to Miſs *Barns* of *Great Cheſſea*, a young Lady of 12,000l. Fortune.

Deaths. Yeſterday Morning died, in the 84th Year of her Age, the Lady *Charlotte Whitfield*, Relict of Sir *Chriſtopher Whitfield*, who died of the Wounds he received in the Rebellion in the Year 1715. She is ſaid to have died worth 130,000l.——The ſame Morning died, at his Houſe in *Piccadilly*, Mr. *Thomas Blunt*, the famous Furniſher of Coaches and Horſes. He was the Son of the late Mr. *Blunt*, who in the Time of the Rebellion in *Scotland*, offer'd the late King to furniſh him with 500 Horſe in three Days Time, or upon any emergent Occaſion.

HOME PORTS.

Plymouth, March 25. *Came in* Somers, Bedart, of and for this Place; *from Alicant and Cadiz.* John, Talbott; *from Oporto for London.* Proſperity, Mac Leſſer; *from Santa Cruz.* A large Galley, of and from London, is turning into the Sound, but can't yet learn her Name.

Southampton, March 26. *Came in* Seven Siſters, of and from Jerſey; Querieppel. Jane, of and from Ditto for London; Payn. *Sailed* Elizabeth, of Southampton, Drury; *for Guernſey.* Jane, of and for Ditto; Pitton.

Pool, March 26. *Arrived* Samuel and Dove, James Seager; *from Alicant, and diſcharges here.*

Liverpool, March 26. Iſabella and Anne, Gammon; William and Sarah, Layer; are *arrived* at Antigua.

Portſmouth, March 28. *Came in* Betty, Legard; *from Veica.* Charles and Anne Sloop, Godden; *from Oporto.* Jupiter Brig. Deal; *from London, is* ſail'd *for Alicant*, &c. *Remains* Sutannah, Fogo; *from St. Chriſtopher. for London. Sailed* Catherine Brig. Warwick; *for Liſbon.* John and Mary, Trew; *for Rotterdam.* Ruſſel Snow, Bayley; *from Oporto for Ipſwich.* From Spithead are *ſailed* his Majeſty's Ships the Shoreham, Griffin; *into the Harbour.* Loweſtoff, Cotterell; *for the Downs. Remain* at Spithead the Dreadnought and Solebay Men of War.

Deal, March 28. Yeſterday *came down* and *ſailed through*, the Beauty, Goofing; *for Cork.* Eagle, Weſt; *for Briſtol.* Mary, Thompſon; Vine, Read; John, Thomas; *for Maryland.* Yeſterday *arrived* the Richards, Knowling; *from Liſbon.* This Day *arrived* Lisbon Packet, Hancock; Jannet, Adamſon; ——, Wood; *from Liſbon.* Leghorn Frigate, Jones; *from* ——. St. Quintin, Godlee; *from Leghorn, Genoa, and Gibraltar.* Liſbon Galley, Blackabee; St. George, Roberts; Apollo, Tobin; *from London, were* arrived *at Liſbon.*

Gravesend, March 28. *Arrived* Jaſper, Curling; *from Dantzick.* Anna Dorothea, Otto; *from Roſtock.* Peter and Anne, Numelſon; *from Norway.* Unity, Carſtens; *from Hamburgh.* Arms of Roan, Beck; *from Amſterdam.* Richards, Knowling; *from Liſbon.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

Milan, March 7. N. S.

WE hear that the City of *Geneva* has been a-new block'd up by the *French*, on Occaſion of the Rudeneſs of ſome Perſons, who flung an Apple at the Altar, whilſt the Almoner to the *French* Miniſter in that City was celebrating Maſs, and by that Means threw down the Chalice, juſt after the ſame had been conſecrated; but the Magiſtrates having deputed four Deputies to his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, to offer him any Satisfaction in their Power, the Blockade has been again rais'd. The King of *Sardinia* has taken off all the Workmen that were employed in the Citadel of *Alexandria*, and has ſent them to other Places on the Side of the *Dauphine*. The Emperor having given Orders to Count *Daun* for ſubſiſting two more Regiments in this Dutchy, a Repreſentation was made to his Imperial Majeſty, of the Inſufficiency of the Country to comply with his Commands; whereupon he has order'd one half of the Salaries to be ſtruck off from all Employments, for one Year, to make good the neceſſary Proviſion for the additional Forces.

Dantzick, March 17. Notwithſtanding the ſevere Penalties which the Magiſtrates have threatned to inflict upon any one that ſhall preſume to print any Thing relating to the enſuing Election of a King of *Poland*, new Pieces appear abroad daily both for and againſt King *Staniſlaus*, whoſe Intereſt is thought here to be the moſt conſiderable. A few Days ſince was celebrated at the Abbey of *Oliva*, ſo ſolemn a Service for the late King, that the like for Magnificence was never ſeen in this Kingdom, and the Throng of People to aſſiſt at it was ſo great, that the Religious were oblig'd to ſhut their Gates, for Fear of an Inconvenience from the Crowd. They adviſe from *Warſaw*, that the Primate has given Notice to all Perſons indebted to any of the *Saxons* that are retir'd out of *Poland*, to pay the ſame without Delay to certain Commiſſaries appointed for that Purpoſe. The *French* Ambaſſadour has receiv'd another large Remittance from *Paris*; and his Excellency, as well for State as for the Security of his Perſon, has added to his Equipage twenty *Germans*, arm'd Cap-a-pee. Prince *Lubomirſki* is preparing a fine Livery, in order to diſtinguiſh himſelf at the next Election. The Elector of *Saxony*'s Party ſeems to gain Ground daily amongſt the Grandees.

Warsaw, March 11. N. S. We are told, the Primate of the Kingdom has declared to all the Foreign Ministers now residing here, that he had heard, to his great Surprize, That certain Powers seemed to have a Design to restrain the *Polanders* in their Free Election of a new King, by endeavouring to oblige them to chuse a King that suits their Convenience, and to reject all such as might give them Umbrage: That they had even already made proper Dispositions for putting that Design in Execution; but that he yet flatter'd himself, that the Reports which had been spread to this Purpose, were without Foundation: That all the World knew very well, how jealous the *Polish* Nation always was of their undoubted Right to elect their own Kings; and that they will never suffer themselves to be restrained in an Affair of so delicate a Nature as a Free Election, from any Quarter whatsoever, *&c.* The Points proposed by the Primate in his circular Letters to the respective Palatinates and Districts, for the petty Dyets to deliberate upon in their ensuing Assemblies, and to draw up Instructions accordingly for their Deputies to the General Dyet, were as follows, *viz.*

I. To provide for the Security of a Free Election; and to the End the same may receive no Check, but have the desired Success, to establish a general Union, and to confirm it upon Oath.

II. To declare any Person an Enemy to his Country, who forming a separate Faction, shall presume to nominate or elect a King.

III. To settle the Number of Attendants that every Elector should be allowed to bring with him into the Field of Election.

IV. To renew the *Pacta* (Compacts) with the neighbouring Powers, and to resume the Conferences with their Ministers.

V. To provide for the publick Safety both at home and abroad, by charging the Regimentaries of the Crown and of *Lithuania*, as also the Captains of the respective Districts, to take particular Care to to do.

VI. To charge the said Regimentaries with the Care of seizing, and punishing with the utmost Rigour of the Law, all such as shall presume to raise Troops without the Consent of the Republick.

VII. To fix a Time forthwith for the Election of a King, and to provide for the Security of the Camp of Election.

VIII. To keep in Awe the Dissidents, (so they call the Protestants) and thereby prevent any Troubles they might occasion.

IX. To offer no Affront to any of the Candidates or Competitors, that none may take Offence.

X. To put a Garrison into *Cracow*, dependent upon the Republick, and not upon any particular Person.

XI. To prevent any one's invading the Jurisdiction of another; to take the necessary Measures that the respective Regimentaries may persist in the Obedience they owe to the Republick; and that the Treasurers may faithfully administer the publick Revenues according to the Laws.

XII. To annul the Constitution of 1717, because it contains a Clause which has occasioned the fruitless Separation of several Dyets.

XIII. To prolong the Tribunals of *Petrikow* and *Lubin*.

XIV. To proceed with Prudence and Circumspection with Regard to the Court of *Berlin*.

XV. To provide for the Security of Trade, and thereby prevent the Diminution of the Revenues of the Republick, which are hardly sufficient to defray the great Expence she is obliged to be at.

XVI. To provide likewise for the Security of the Posts, *&c.*

Naples, March 3. A Priest being a few Evenings ago at Supper with three of his Nieces, unfortunately fell into a Passion with one of them on Account of a Marriage she was inclin'd to, no Way to her Advantage; and in the Heat of his Rage giving the young Lady a Box o' the Ear, and threatning to repeat it, she took up a Knife and stabb'd him to the Heart. The next Day the young Lady was carried before the Magistrates, and after being examined, she was committed to Prison to be punish'd for the Parricide.

Leghorn, March 14. We have an Account that some Disorders have lately happen'd in the Island of *Corsica*, on Account of collecting the usual Taxes required by the Republick of *Genoa*, which the Inhabitants refuse to pay, on Pretence that the Form of their Government is not yet yet published, and the Officers who collected the same were obliged to retire, after being ill treated by the Inhabitants.

Hague, March 17. N. S. It is written from *Brussels*, that upon the News they had received from *Holland*, that the Pope's Nuncio *Valenti Gonzaga* designed to come thither *incognito*, disguised like an *Italian* Cavalier, to visit the Churches of the Jesuites and other Monks in that Country, that Prelate had been privately given to understand, that he was going upon an Enterprize of much greater Difficulty and Danger than he was aware of; for that if he should happen to be discovered by the Populace, (and the *Jansenists* are known to have excellent Noses for scenting the Emissaries of the Court of *Rome*) no Body could be answerable for the Consequences: Whereupon that Minister has consider'd better of it, and deferred his designed Journey of Pleasure or Devotion till a more convenient Opportunity.

It was confidently reported, that the King of *Prussia*, not content with seizing the Officers and Soldiers of this State, had carried his Resentment so high, as to seize several of our Merchant-Ships at *Koningsberg*; but this Report was without Foundation. It is nevertheless true, that the *Prussian* Ministers extorted 100,000 Rixdollars from the *Dutch* Merchants settled in that Kingdom, which his Majesty's Envoy here does not deny, but endeavours to excuse it by saying, it was to help to settle the *Saltzburghers*; and that it was only a Loan, which they will be reimbursed in a short Time. Some say, the *Dutch* Merchants have actually paid that Sum: Others affirm, that they have declared, they are not capable of paying it, and that they will sooner quit the Country, than submit to such Assessments and Exactions: These add, that they were actually making Preparations to remove to *Dantzick*; whereupon they were let alone: Which is the more probable, because the King of *Prussia* cannot want Money: A Prince that is at such an Expence to procure tall Men, must certainly have Money enough by him, without being obliged to try any Expedients of that Sort.

There are great Equipments in the North; at *Copenhagen*, at *Carelscroon*, at *Cronstot*, &c. And some will have it, that a foreign Squadron will appear in the *Baltick*; though they cannot tell us for what.

Nothing can be more deplorable, than the Cases of the late King of *Poland*'s Natural Daughters, the Countesses *Orzelska* and *Bilenska* who, upon the Death of their Royal Father, received a considerable Shock in their Views and Fortunes. Madam *Orzelska*, for her Part, is so dejected, that she talks of shutting herself up in a Nunnery; and there are those who will answer for it, no Body will hinder her, the Prince of *Holstein* having married her principally to make his Court to the King, who was vastly fond of her. It is generally believed, that the Countess *de Cosel* will now be set at Liberty: That Lady was formerly the King of *Poland*'s Favourite, and had a Son and two Daughters by him; but when she thought herself slighted, and another's Beauty preferred to hers, her Love and Jealousy *(furetta forma)* were so furious, that they turned her Brain, and she even threatned the King's Life; whereupon she was secured in a Prison many Years. His *Polish* Majesty would fain have married one of his Daughters by this Lady to the Count *de Hoym*; but she would never hear of him, and was afterwards married to the Count *de Mousinski*, Treasurer to the Court.

The Elector of *Saxony* continues to carry it with a great Shew of Indifference for the Crown of *Poland*. Possibly this may be the Way to succeed, and that without any considerable Expence: Or perhaps other Courts will bear his Royal and Electoral Highness's Expences, with which the People of *Saxony* will be as well pleased, as they are with the Dawning of their new Elector's Administration, in the Choice of Ministers entirely in the Interest of their Country, without that Regard to Foreigners, which is apt to stir up the Jealousy of an affectionate People. Nevertheless, it is expected, that the States of this Electorate will, in their first Assembly, desire the Elector to tread in the Steps of his Royal Father, by giving them an *Assecuration*, or Security, with regard to Religion; also to clear the Electorate of a great Number of foreign *Roman-Catholicks* that are therein; and not to grant Liberty to build *Popish* Chapels, Oratories, *&c.*

Hague, March 20. N. S. Count *Sinzendorff*'s Courier is returned from *Vienna*, with the Emperor's Answer in relation to the Misunderstanding between the Republick and the King of *Prussia*. His *Imperial* Majesty greatly applauds their High Mightinesses Moderation throughout this Affair; and offering them his Mediation, he advises them to continue the same Moderation till all Things can be amicably adjusted, which he promises to forward to the utmost of his Power, having sent the necessary Instructions for that Purpose to Count *Seckendorff* at *Berlin*. Their High Mightinesses Deputies have had several Conferences upon these Dispatches with the *Imperial* Minister first above named, and with Mr. *Finch*, Envoy-Extraordinary of the King of *Great Britain*; to which Conferences the *French* Ambassador was not called.

Basil, March 23. Great Disorders happen in the Canton *d'Apenzel* by the Animosity between the two Parties there, which is risen so high as to come to Blows. The Canton of *Zug* is said to have renounced the Alliance of the *Roman Catholick* Cantons with the Crown of *France*; and being wholly attach'd to the House of *Austria*, to have demanded back the Seal which they put to the Act of Renewal of Alliance with that Crown 20 Years ago, which expired about six Years since.

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